

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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Subsidy on Sugar

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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken a decision to discontinue the subsidy on sugar being sold at low prices through the fair price shops in the States;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government is likely to make a saving of Rs. 4500 crore as a result thereof; and
- (d) if so, the actual amount of estimated savings?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (d): In accordance with the recommendations of the Expenditure Management Commission (EMC), sugar subsidy scheme has been discontinued in its present form w.e.f. FY 2017-18. However, continuation of the scheme with restrictive coverage has been taken up with the competent authority and hence, estimated savings cannot be calculated.
